ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cluster management unit provided in each of two servers carries out a state-transition in accordance with a state transition diagram both in cases where a

5   fault occurs in at least one of the two servers and where the server is restored from the fault. A state writing processor provided in a server priority process unit of the each server stores, into a disk drive, a server priority determined based on a server state

10   indicated by state change information. When faults occur in the two servers and at least one of the two servers is thereafter restored from the fault, a comparing processor in the server priority process unit of the one server determines whether or not the

15   priority of the one server is higher than the priority of the other server, based on at least the priority of the one server. The cluster management unit of the one server carries out a corresponding state-transition based on this determination result and state transition

20   diagram.